

Federal and State Partnerships Associated with the Efficacy Testing of Antimicrobial Products

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OVERVIEW: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Pesticide Program (OPP) has responsibility under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide ACT (FIFRA) for regulating antimicrobial products to control pathogenic bacteria (including spores), virus, and other microorganisms on porous and nonporous surfaces. As part of its mission to protect the public health community, the Agency verifies efficacy claims for hospital disinfectants and tuberculocides thru a post-registration testing programs. The basis of the program is to test products at selected federal and state laboratories to ensure that the products are efficacious against *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, and *Mycobacterium bovis* (BCG) and to verify that the chemistry formulation is within the certified limits. The program requires input by several U.S. EPA headquarter offices (OPP, Office of General Counsel (OGC), Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA)), all regional U.S. EPA offices, state and federal inspectors, and four federal and state laboratories. The four federal and state laboratories collaborate on scientific issues associated with the testing of this class of chemicals.

Office of General Counsel	Office of Pesticide Programs	Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance	Regions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Provides Legal advice for Policies ▶ Legal Assistance on Enforcement Cases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Regulates Products under FIFRA ▶ Develops Test Data ▶ Conducts Program Implementation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Responds to Failure of Products Tested at Federal and State Laboratories ▶ Manages State Laboratory Grants and Coordinates Regional Activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Manage State Grants ▶ Quality Assurance (QA) ▶ Regional Offices collect product to be tested by Federal and State Laboratories

